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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 3, line 1, please delete --oder 2--

In claim 4, line 1, please delete --oder 2--

In claim 5, line 1, please delete -- einem der vorhergehenden Anspruche-- and insert
"Anspruch 1"

In claim 7, line 1 please delete -- einem der vorhergehenden Anspruche -- and insert
"Anspruch 1"

In claim 10, line 1, please delete -- oder 9--

In claim 12, line 1, please delete -- oder 9--

In claim 14, line 1, please delete -- einem der Anspruche 8 bis 13-- and insert
"Anspruch 8"

In claim 15, line 1, please delete -- einem der Anspruche 8 bis 14-- and insert
"Anspruch 8"